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SUBJECT: FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION PROPOSES TRIP TO US

1. OFFICERS OF FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION, WHICH GROUPS ABOUT 250 PRESS, RADIO, TELEVISION JOURNALISTS COVERING EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND NATO, ARE CONSIDERING GROUP TRIP TO UNITED STATES AT TIME, STILL UNDETERMINED, WHEN EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ROY JENKINS VISITS PRESIDENT CARTER. THIS WOULD BE FIRST TIME GROUP OF JOURNALISTS FROM BRUSSELS FPA ACCOMPANIED A COMMISSION PRESIDENT TO US. IT SAYS SOMETHING FOR JENKINS AS POLITICAL PERSONALITY AND FOR DECLARED INTENTIONS CARTER ADMINISTRATION VIS-A-VIS EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

2. AS ENVISAGED BY ORGANIZERS, PARTICIPANTS (I.E., THEIR COMPANIES) WOULD HAVE TO PAY SIGNIFICANT SHARE OF COSTS. EC COMMISSION WILL BE ASKED FOR SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION. I HAVE GIVEN NO ENCOURAGEMENT AT THIS STAGE TO EXPECT USIS/USEC SUBSIDY; BUT IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST, I HAVE HELD OUT LIKELIHOOD  
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OF FOREIGN PRESS CENTERS' COOPERATION, WITHIN REASONABLE LIMITS, IN ARRANGING NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS. I HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY, IF WE HAVE ADVANCE NOTICE, OF ADDING A FEW DAYS TO PROGRAM IN US TO VISIT REGIONS AND INTERVIEW PEOPLE IN ORDER TO DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING OF ECONOMIC ASPECTS ATLANTIC RELATIONS. USIS/USEC WOULD BE ABLE AND WILLING SUBSIDIZE THIS PART OF VISIT.

3. IF TRIP MATERIALIZES THERE MIGHT BE UP TO 30 PARTICIPANTS. ORGANIZERS POINT OUT THAT SOME OF THEM MAY BE FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

4. AGENCY AND USIO WILL REALIZE THAT, DEPENDING ON TIMING, THIS VISIT MAY OVERLAP WITH THAT PROPOSED BY USIO. IF SO, USIS/USEC WOULD PREFER TO HAVE BRUSSELS JOURNALISTS INCLUDED IN GROUP ACCOMPANYING JENKINS, RATHER THAN IN SPECIAL USIO-SPONSORED VISIT.

5. UNDERSTAND THAT USIS/USNATO HAS BEEN EXPLORING PARALLEL PROJECT WITH NATO INFORMATION SERVICE PARTICIPATION. SEVERAL MEMBERS FOREIGN PRESS ASSOCIATION DO DOUBLE DUTY COVERING NATO AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, OPENING UP POSSIBILITY OF EXPOSING SELECTED PARTICIPANTS JENKINS PRESS PARTY TO DEFENSE BRIEFINGS IN US. HOFFMAN

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